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# Nevada A-bomb test shakes Vegas

United Press International  
PAHUTE MESA, Nev. — The U.S. Department of Energy detonated a nuclear warhead 2,233 feet below the desert at the Nevada Test Site Thursday, sending shock waves that were felt 80 miles away in Las Vegas.

The blast, code-named "Panir," went off on schedule at 9 a.m. CDT. It was the seventh announced nuclear test explosion this year and the 317th underground blast at the site since a treaty with Russia banned atmospheric testing in 1963.

For the first time in two years, reporters were allowed to observe the test from the control point several miles from ground zero. They reported dust bounced up when the explosion thumped the earth upwards.

A gentle east-west rocking motion reached Las Vegas about 45 seconds after the blast, causing hanging objects such as plants and chandeliers to sway. Occupants of high-rise buildings had been told in advance that they might feel the motion and workers were warned to avoid precarious positions at the time of the explosion.

There was no radiation leak from the explosion, according to readings taken immediately after the detonation. Planes fly over ground zero at detonation time to monitor for radiation.

The weapons test had a power between 20 and 150 kilotons, the maximum equivalent to 150,000 tons of TNT.

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When a customer applies for a phone, he is given a date on which his phone will be connected. Near the beginning of school, the usual wait is about one week.

If the residence is equipped with wall jacks, GTE simply connects service sometime during the specified day, then rings the phone to notify the customer that it is working.

But if it is a new home or it has not had recent phone service, a GTE serviceman must complete the wiring and install the jack.

At the time of application, GTE asks anyone requiring a serviceman whether they would prefer him to arrive in the morning or afternoon on connection day. However, when each serviceman is given his work orders every morning, he does not know how long each order will take, so he cannot know for sure when he will arrive at a particular residence.

A GTE spokeswoman said that for this reason their servicemen cannot be and are not required to meet any time preference.

The best solution for customers is to try to be home the entire day the serviceman is to arrive. If a customer is not home on the specified day, his work order is placed along with all customers who made their original applications for phone service on that day. In late August and early September, this means a wait more than a week.

"The heavy part starts about a week before school," Johnigan said. For about two weeks of the school year the flood of applications continues, he added.

"We handle an average of 300 applications a day for three weeks," he said. "It takes until about the end of September to get all the work on the field done."

Johnigan said that since many people apply for phone service in August and September, many come away thinking that GTE is always this slow.

At any other time of the year, he said, the normal wait between application and connection is about 24 hours if the residence has phone jacks. If a serviceman is required, the wait is about three days.

# Phone service — a ten day wait

By GARY WELCH  
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# Son of emissary to U.S. murdered

United Press International  
MEXICO CITY — The eldest son of Mexico's ambassador to Washington was shot during a bungled

kidnapping by Communist terrorists and left to bleed to death in an empty field, officials said today.

An autopsy report said Hugo Margain Charles, 35, whose body was found by a passerby in the town of Chalco 22 miles east of Mexico City, bled to death from a 9 mm gunshot to the thigh that severed an artery.

The body showed signs the terrorists who kidnapped him Tuesday tried unsuccessfully to stop the bleeding, stripping Margain of all his clothes but a blue jacket and socks to give him medical treatment, the report said.

Officials had said earlier Margain was shot by the kidnappers.

The underground of September Communist League claimed responsibility for the abduction.

The report did not indicate whether Margain was shot by abductors or by his own bodyguards in the gunbattle that erupted during the kidnapping, which left bodyguards and one abductor wounded.

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